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Mr. Faulconer is President of FCG which he founded to provide a full range of services to help customers be more successful in their strategic planning in uncertain times, win new business to grow their bottom line, and strengthen basic systems engineering and management practices for mission success. FCG provides a deep bench of advisors and subject matter experts that are supporting commercial, national security, and civil space clients.

Walt is currently a member of the NOAA Science Advisory Board and the Executive Secretary for the Department of Defense Strategic Capabilities Office Advisory Group. He manages NASA's Flight Project Development Program to develop the next generation project managers and leaders. Previously he served as a past Executive Vice President of the American Astronautical Society and

on the Constellation Program Standing Review Board for NASA.

From 2005-2010 Walt was the Business Area Executive for Civilian Space at the Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory. His responsibilities included managing all aspects of the Civilian Space Business Area. Programs included the development, launching and operations of the NASA New Horizons mission to Pluto, the MESSENGER mission to Mercury and the twin STEREO spacecraft to study the sun. Mr. Faulconer's leadership helped to develop a backlog of new and exciting NASA science missions including the twin Radiations Belt Storm Probe satellites that were launched in 2012, the Parker Solar Probe mission launched in 2018 and the Europa Clipper mission to be launched in 2023. He instituted important quality, management, and safety practices in support of APL achieving its AS9100 certification.

Previously Walt served in various capacities for 26 years at Lockheed Martin. He was the Director for Space Exploration Business Development for Space Systems Company responsible for the business development for Space Exploration including: Shuttle Return to Flight, International Space Station, and Project Constellation-Crew Exploration Vehicle - Orion. Walt's roles at Lockheed Martin included Director for Business Development for the Space Transportation line of business, including Atlas and Titan launch vehicles, and Advanced Space Transportation. He also served as director of Strategic Planning and Development for Space Systems Company, responsible for leading the strategic planning and development team. Before that, he served as the program manager for the 2nd Generation Reusable Launch Vehicle program as part of the Space Launch Initiative and supported the Space Shuttle program in payload integration, operations and astronaut training. Walt has also been a mission systems engineer on numerous national security programs.

Walt holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Space Sciences from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Masters degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.